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SUBJ: SINO-INDIAN BORDER INCIDENT

1. ACCORDING TO INDIAN EMBOFF, CHINESE OFFICIALS UP
THROUGH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL HAVE BEEN TELLING
THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS--OBVIOUSLY EXPECTING IT TO REACH
INDIAN EARS--THAT A) THE OCTOBER 20 CLAS WAS A LCOAL
INCIDENT BETWEEN THE BORDER UNITS AND AN ACCIDENT WHICH
OCCURRED WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH PEKING;
B) CHINA DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE INCIDENT;
AND C) THE INCIDENT SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE
PRESENT STATE OF SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS. CHINESE CHARACTERIZATION
OF THE CLASH AS AN "ACCIDENT" IS APPARENTLY NOT MEANT TO IMPLY
THAT THE CHINESE UNIT WAS RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY, MERELY
THAT IT WAS NOT A PREMEDIATED ACTION. INDIAN EMBOFF ALSO
SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT ON THE INCIDENT
BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SINCE
THE CHINESE STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 3.

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2. INDIAN EMBOFF ALSO REHEARSED ONCE AGAIN INDIAN VERSION OF THE INCIDENT AND OFFERED HIS VIEW THAT CHINESE MAY HAVE INTENTIONALLY CAUSED INCIDENT TO WARN INDIA OFF INTERVENTION IN BANGLADESH. HAVING MADE THE POINT, HE CONTINUED, THE PRC HAS NOW MOVED TO SOFTEN INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM OF ITS ACTION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS INTERPRETATION WAS BY NO MEANS ACCEPTED AS DEFINITIVE EVEN IN THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE AND GOI IS STILL PUZZLING OVER CHINESE MOTIVES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE TRUE FACTS OF THE CLASH MAY NEVER BE FINALLY ESTABLISHED, IT IS CLEAR THE CHINESE ARE WORKING TO MINIMIZE ITS CONSEQUENCES. WE WOULD TREAT THEORY THAT IT WAS A BANGLADES-RELATED PRC WARNING TO INDIA WITH CONSIDERABLE RESERVE UNTIL THERE IS SOME SUPPORTING EVIDENCE. BUSH

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